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To Whom It May Concern:

In early December 2005, I read an article in the Kane County Chronicle regarding a telephone poll conducted in October 2005/November 2005. Please see **Exhibit B**.

A number of friends had also confirmed that they received such a telephone poll. Apparently this poll was geared toward Republican voters in the 14th Congressional District. The nature of the questions revolved around the Congressional district that Congressman J. Dennis Hastert currently represents.

This poll had pointed questions such as:

- Who would you vote for Congress? Senator Chris Lauzen, Kane County Chairman Karen McConaughay, State Representative Tim Schmitz, House Republican Leader Tom Cross?
- Would you be more or less inclined to vote for Chris Lauzen if you knew:
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It is my understanding that exploratory polls for a congressional seat can not be paid for from a state campaign account. Because the nature of the questions appeared to promote State Senator Chris Lauzen for Congress, I was curious about who paid for such a poll.

As you know, the Illinois State Board of Elections requires bi-annual campaign disclosure reports. In reviewing Senator Lauzen's most recent disclosure report, I had questions regarding some of his expenditures. I do not believe he is being truthful about the nature of his expenditures with Sherman Consulting. Specifically, Senator Lauzen seems vague regarding the nature of his December 7, 2005 expenditure of \$12,750. Please see **Exhibit A** for more information.

Exhibit A

Sherman Consulting Inc.	858 W Armitage Ave Chicago, IL 60614	\$4,000.00 8/29/2005	Expenditure <u>Friends for Lauzen</u>	Political mailing Friends for Lauzen
Sherman Consulting Inc.	858 W Armitage Ave Chicago, IL 60614	\$288.70 8/29/2005	Expenditure <u>Friends for Lauzen</u>	Romanian conference call coord. Friends for Lauzen
Sherman Consulting Inc.	858 W Armitage Ave Chicago, IL 60614	\$12,750.00 12/7/2005	Expenditure <u>Friends for Lauzen</u>	Campaign consulting services Friends for Lauzen

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One of Sherman Consulting's specialties is campaign strategy. Sherman's website says the following: *"With speed, accuracy, and sophistication, we provide your campaign with accurate polling and voter targeting intelligence that turns a seemingly chaotic campaign into rational science."* Sherman Consulting's website: www.shermanconsultinginc.com.

On January 17, 2006, I received an email that would normally be sent from Senator Lauzen. However, I noticed that this email was sent from "Lauzen for Congress". Please see *Exhibit C*. I attempted to view his committee information on the FEC's website. However, Lauzen for Congress is not registered with the Federal Election Committee. The next day a "correction" email was sent out. A copy of this email is enclosed. Please see *Exhibit D*.

It is my hope the FEC will get to the truth of the matter. As a voter, I want to elect someone who intends to serve in the capacity to which he/she was elected. I want to be able to believe in the legislative process once again. As his constituent and a voter, I am outraged to think that Senator Lauzen would intentionally mislead his district. I am further angered that he would deliberately violate FEC guidelines by using his state campaign funds to pay for a poll. Where is the accountability here?

I believe the information I provided will be as compelling to you as it is to me. Please do not hesitate to write me if I can be of additional assistance.

Respectfully,

Lisa Pierce

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Elgin, IL 60123

*Signed and sworn to before me Nancy L Joiner
a Notary.*

*Nancy L Joiner
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Have you received a phone call over the past few weeks, asking you to take a survey on local politicians? A few people who got the call and answered the survey questions now are wondering who was behind it and what was its purpose. I'll stop myself from asking why anyone would answer questions asked by a stranger over the phone and try to clear up a few things.

First, the survey was much like what we refer to as a "push poll." That is, the questions were phrased in such a way as to shape the responses. Most of the questions in this poll seemed to promote a certain state senator as the likely replacement for Rep. Dennis Hastert, which is a bit odd considering Hastert is running for re-election in 2006 -- making the poll premature, to say the least.

The pollsters further muddy the waters by asking respondents which of several other area state representatives would be a good candidate for Hastert's job. Because none of the reps mentioned in this question has anything to do with the poll, has no desire to challenge Hastert for his seat, and are busy running for re-election to their state jobs, the survey is causing them no end of problems. They tell me that constituents are calling and asking why they're "running against Denny," and whether they are giving up their state offices.

Until someone steps forward, it'll remain a mystery who paid for the survey. But regardless, several points need to be made. First, let's be blunt here: Denny stays as long as Denny wants. He'll leave when he's good and ready, and he will probably be very clear as to whom he would like to succeed him. However, I can say with some certainty that it is unlikely to be the state senator mentioned in the phone survey. And because there seems to be a question in the air, the person I would put my money on to get Hastert's blessing is state Rep. Tim Schmitz of Batavia.

And I could have told you that before the phone rang.

Exhibit
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Capital Spending Done Properly and State of the State Speech Preview By: Chris Lauzen

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The funds need to be equitably allocated throughout the state and based upon need. For example, the best capital spending program that I'm familiar with in Illinois is the School Construction Matching Grant In order to receive state taxpayer funds, school districts need to successfully run the gauntlet of passing a referendum after full review by taxpayers. Then, funds are matched on a sliding scale based on property wealth. In poorer districts get up to approximately 55% of the project cost and wealthier districts receive approximately 35% There was a "waiting line" that was deliberately assembled according to publicly-reviewed criteria under the Edgar and Ryan

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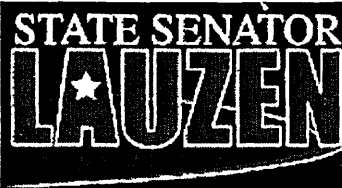
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**CORRECTION The previous email contained an erroneous Display Name Senator Lauzen is not re-election to the Illinois State Senate*

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